09/508195 514 RI PCT/PTO 0 8 MAR 2000

SM 11/10/00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

HARDERN et al

09/508195 Serial No. Unassigned

Filed: March 8, 2000

For: **NOVEL COMPOUNDS**

Atty. Ref.: 3764-2

Group:

Examiner:

March 8, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and replace by --claim 1--.

1

408881